

Another hit for Woody, ScarJo



Phelps' gold run up to six



Mayor tears city's paper bill to shreds

COUNCIL The City of Ottawa used 2.8 million pieces of paper to print committee and council materials last year — and that's 2.8 million too many, according to Mayor Larry O'Brien.

Yesterday, O'Brien proposed that the city budget \$150,000 in 2009 on technology that would reduce printing by a third in the first year, on a schedule toward a "paperless" council within three years.

At a cost of about 5.5 cents per page, O'Brien estimates the city spent over \$153,000 on unnecessary printing of paper last year. First-year saving would be around \$51,000, he said.

"The savings over subsequent years will add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars just from committee and council (reports and agendas)" said O'Brien. "Imagine how many more savings can be achieved if we ... move the bulk of our work away from paper."

A paperless council is one idea in the report from the Mayor's Taskforce on eGovernment to be discussed by the corporate services and economic development committee on Aug. 19.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

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Rebels snub Georgia talks

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Lessons of Chinese rock

Star players

Swing in



All eyes were on Paula Creamer, a former LPGA Rookie of the Year, as she opened play yesterday at the CN Canadian Women's Open tournament at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club. The world's top female golfers are here to compete until Sunday. **Story, page 10.**

PM hints at forcing election

Blames stalemate on Grits

An increasingly frustrated Prime Minister Stephen Harper suggested yesterday that he may have to force the dissolution of Parliament and trigger an election.

"Quite frankly, I'm going to have to make a judgment in the next little while as to whether or not this Parliament can function productively," Harper said during an event in Newfoundland.

Harper's minority Conservative government must rely on the support of at least one of the three opposition parties to pass bills. He complained about legislation being stalled in the Liberal-dominated Senate and obstructed in the House of Commons by Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion.

"Two of the three opposition parties don't support the government and say we should be defeated. Mr. Dion says he doesn't support the government but won't say, you know, whether he will defeat us or not," he said. "I don't think that's a tenable situation."

Money game

• The Conservatives are better organized and better financed than the Liberals, though once an election is called the political parties face similar spending limits.

Harper, whose Conservatives defeated the governing Liberals in the January 2006 election, dared Dion last month to bring down the government or else let its bills pass.

"Canada needs the government to be able to move forward to address the challenges of our day — a troubled economy, the race to secure Arctic resources, environmental degradation, and geopolitical instability in more places than I care to name," Harper said.

Polls point to another minority if an election were held today, with support for the main parties roughly equal. Some polls show the Conservatives in the lead while others have the Liberals ahead.

REUTERS

No terror link to city man's cyanide death, FBI says

SECURITY An Ottawa man who was found dead with a pound of cyanide near his body in a Denver hotel room was likely not planning a terrorist attack, according to the FBI.

Police say they don't suspect foul play in the death

of Saleman Abdirahman Dirie, 29, and the FBI said there's no apparent connection to terrorism.

The FBI, however, has been examining possible security issues, given that a foreign national was found dead with a haz-

ardous substance two weeks before the start of the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

Meanwhile, the Somali Justice Advocacy Center in St. Paul, Minn., warned yesterday that connecting Dirie's death to terrorism

"is a rush to judgment."

Acquaintances have said Dirie's family came from Somalia as refugees and are now Canadian citizens. Investigators have not said why Dirie had cyanide.

Police say it appears Dirie was dead for several

days before his body was found.

A federal official told an NBC News television station their investigation reveals the man apparently mixed sodium cyanide with water and drank it.

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The Capital Pride Festival kicks off Monday with a charity breakfast at the Ottawa Police Service headquarters at 474 Elgin Street. Starting at 7 a.m., the event will include a pancake breakfast, with a suggested donation of \$5, after which the Rainbow Flag will be unfurled. **OTTAWA POLICE**

Ottawa



Downtown delays today

A detour may be in effect today at lunch hour in Ottawa's downtown area as a result of a planned demonstration by about 1,000 Tibetan supporters. Demonstrators will march from Parliament Hill to the Chinese Embassy on St. Patrick Street. If expected numbers attend, St. Patrick will be closed to traffic, police said yesterday. See ottawapolice.ca for a list of detours. **OTTAWA POLICE**

SuperEXcited for summer fair

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There is a different atmosphere in the first few hours of the SuperEX.

The park is so clean and everyone is just that bit more excited to be there than later on in the week.

At least that's how Lisa Drouillard felt as she followed her daughter, Mya, and her friend Olive as they raced from ride to ride yesterday.

Though they were there because the SuperEX opener just happened to coincide with her day off, Drouillard and company found themselves part of a group over a hundred strong who had gathered for a countdown to the opening of the Bank Street entrance to the Lansdowne Park grounds.

"It was fun to be right in the big crowd at the opening. Everyone was so excited," she said.

Mansour Abola, 16, arrived with a large group of his friends early, to be among the first through the gate.

"We've been planning this for a while," he said "It's the



From left to right, Alexia Jasmin-Scott, 17, Stephanie Joly, 17, Katana Som, 16, and Mansour Abola, 16, ride the Spin Out yesterday afternoon on the opening day of SuperEX.

Wonderland of Ottawa. We're going to get on all the rides and we're staying the whole day."

Since admission is free on opening day, it's hard to know exactly how many people showed up, said SuperEX spokesperson Cathy Farish.

Organizers are hoping for warm, sunny weather that translates into big crowds. At the end of the exhibition last

year, SuperEX president Dave Presley said grey skies and rain resulted in one of the worst years they had ever had.

Farish said this year brings a lot of new attractions, rides and more concerts, but paid concerts have been done away with.

"We're trying to make it so that you pay your admission to come in and then all the shows on the grounds

are free," she said.

After the success of the inaugural Capital Magic Festival last year, it's been expanded to cover both weekends for this Super Ex. Harry Anderson, the star of the early '90s television show Night Court, is the opening show tonight.

Two new rides at SuperEX are the looping Fireball and Canada's largest touring rollercoaster.

Will cab cams make the grade?

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Cab cams are facing their first big test in Ottawa, say city drivers, who are waiting to see if the first-ever public release of an image from one of the devices helps police find the suspect in a recent taxi robbery.

"We've been waiting for this moment," said Yusuf Al Mezel, president of Canadian Auto Workers Union Local 1688 representing taxi drivers. "We've been waiting to see if it's useful or not."

The union — representing 1,500 cab drivers in Ottawa, including those with Blue Line, DJ's Taxi, West-way, and Airport — originally balked at equipping their cars with the cameras. But, many drivers admit they'll warm to devices if the first release of a suspect's picture leads to a quick arrest.

The image of the suspect is crisp and identifiable and there was "big relief for the taxi drivers" when police released it, said Al Mezel.

The union is also distributing images of the suspect to its drivers.



Image of suspect from the July 31 incident in which a driver was taken behind a city high school and robbed.

Drivers hope once word gets out, criminals will hesitate to target cabbies, for fear of being easily identified.

"It's a great idea," agreed West-way driver Mohammed Hassan. "It makes anyone with any intent think twice about what they're doing — because they might not get away with it."

Al Mezel said, "I believe it will reduce problems in the cabs and keep the passengers and the drivers feeling safer when they are sitting in the cab."

Driving a cab is one of the most dangerous jobs, Al Mezel said. "You're driving people and you don't know who they are and what they are taking with them or what they are thinking."

Bat-wielding robber attacks store clerk in morning heist

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A clerk was hit across the face with a baseball bat in one of two armed robberies that kept Ottawa police busy early yesterday morning.

Police are still seeking several suspects after a Pioneer gas bar and a Mac's Milk store were robbed within minutes of each other yesterday. Investigators also released security camera images yesterday of a man wanted in a bank robbery earlier in the week.

Shortly after 1 a.m., several

men armed with a handgun and a baseball bat entered the Mac's at 25 Tapiola Crescent, where they took money from the register and took the male clerk into the back room.

One of the suspects hit the clerk in the face with a bat.

The suspects ran away with cash. The first suspect is a black male with a thin build who wore a black bandana

and a black hoodie. The second suspect is a male of Middle Eastern descent, with a thin build. He was wearing a blue bandana and a black hoodie. Both are about five-foot-eight.

At 1:08 a.m., two men entered a Pioneer gas station at 2026 Ogilvie Road. One man brandished a knife and took money from the register. Police saw the suspects running toward Highway 174 and made arrests after a canine unit dog was brought in. Police seized money and a knife believed used in the robbery.

Police are also seeking a

suspect in an Elgin Street bank robbery. At 2:50 p.m. Wednesday, a man at the TD branch presented a teller with a handwritten note on brown paper towel advising the clerk that he was robbing the bank.

The suspect took cash and fled. He is described as a heavyset man, between 40 and 50 years old and weighing about 300 pounds. He was wearing a black scarf over his face, a straw hat and a bright yellow raincoat.

Anyone with information should call the Major Crime unit at 613-236-1222 ext. 5493.



Bank robbery suspect

Glitch delays Montfort opening

HEALTH CARE A minor glitch is delaying the launch of the new Montfort Hospital, a \$300-million facility that's poised to become one of the most technically advanced in the country.

The official opening of the hospital will be delayed by three days, due to a problem with the hospital's magnetic locks that are responsible for locking the hospital's doors — something that's important on the mental health floor and obstetrics.

"It is a safety, security issue," said Montfort Hospital President and CEO Gerald Savoie. "This door has a special magnetic mechanism that locks down the door and so forth."

As a result of the Montfort expansion project, the hospital will double its surgeries, helping to reduce wait times in the region. A boost in the number of cancer surgeries is also expected to translate into faster diagnosis.

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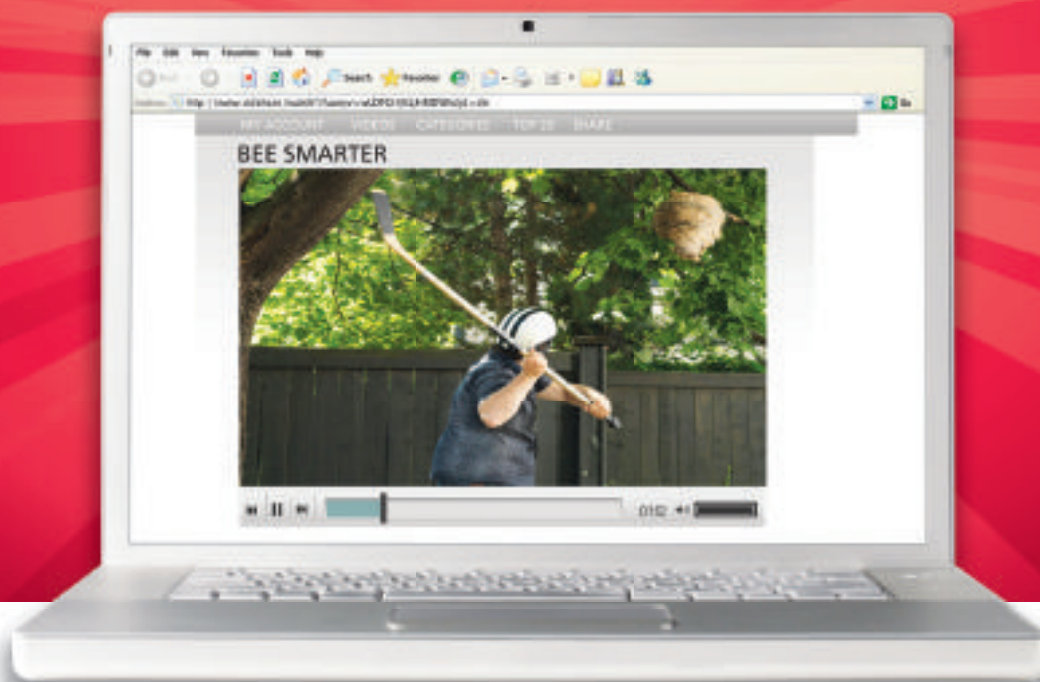
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The Ottawa Senators yesterday introduced Hockey Country Game Paks for sale — ticket packages that include both tickets to Senators games and tickets to the 2009 IIHF World Junior Championship being hosted here. The packages go on sale Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. WWW.OTTAWASENATORS.COM

letters

'About time' for pregnant riders

Re: Not a lot for moms at Park-and-Rides

I was thrilled when I read this. I thought, "It's about time!"

It reminds me of when I was pregnant with my second child who I had in January 2006. I was parking at the Trim Road Park-and-Ride and because I wasn't lucky enough to work an early shift, by the time I would get there, I'd be parking pretty far back. I dreaded the walk to the bus stop and would have pains every morning, especially the faster I'd walk if my bus was coming.

Hopefully all Park-and-Rides will start reserving some spots for pregnant ladies. It's bad enough that people are so ignorant on the buses and will see an obviously pregnant lady get on and not even move out of the front seats — one of my biggest peeves.

I applaud that lady for getting the privilege she deserves. JASMIN BOUDREAU

Music, dance, fun: A fest for all the folk

KRISTINA MARTIN
for Metro Ottawa

The 15th annual Ottawa Folk Festival in Britannia Park is on and bigger than ever, with performances by popular folk bands and artists Broken Social Scene, Sarah Harmer, Rufus Wainwright, the Sadies and others.

The weekend-long festival opened last night and runs through to Aug. 18th with hourly acts and an 8,000-square-foot dance tent set up for festival-goers to enjoy the music and expose themselves to various dance traditions — from belly dancing and Flamenco, to Cajun and Contra.

Children attending will have the opportunity to participate in folk-fun activities such as ukulele building. They will get to build, decorate, and begin to learn how to play their own ukulele, assisted by the likes of Chalmers Doane, director of music for the Halifax school system, James Hill, one of the world's best ukulele

Honorary mural

Attendees can honour folk legend Willie P. Bennett, who passed away in February, by contributing to an eight-by-40 foot 'Participatory' mural entitled Music in Your Eyes — one of Bennett's best-loved songs.

players and composers, instrument designer and builder Wolf Kater and Jennifer Giles, a music educator.

To cap the weekend, there will be a cross-cultural artist collaboration by 15 of this year's performers Sunday night on the main stage.

Ottawa Folk Festival artistic director Chris White says "this is a rare opportunity for artists to come together from all different backgrounds. Last year the musicians and audience loved it."

The performance is set to take place Sunday evening on the main stage.

For ticket info and schedules, visit ottawafolk.org online. More coverage on page 24.



Blind runner Jason Dunkerley, left, trains with guide and professional triathlete Jamie Stephenson this week. During a race, Dunkerley would bind his left hand to his guide's right hand, but during training sessions it's enough to rest his forearm against his guide.

Blind city runner vies to become world beater

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Few world records are expected to fall during the Ontario Summer Games in Ottawa this week, but a city runner has been threatening one.

Jason Dunkerley, 30, who is blind, and his guide runner, Greg Dailey, have recently posted times while running the 1,500 metres that are within 0.5 seconds of the world record for blind runners.

Dunkerley is preparing to run the 800m and 1,500m races at his third Paralympics. Along with his brother John, 28, they are the only Paralympic track athletes from Ottawa heading to Beijing in September.

As part of the buildup to the Paralympics, Jason Dunkerley and other top para-athletes will be racing alongside Ontario's top youth athletes this weekend at the provincial Summer

Pan-Am gold

At the Pan-American Games last year, Jason Dunkerley won gold in the 800 metres and 1,500m events, with times of 2:00.39 and 4:08, respectively.

Games, but not officially in the competition.

Breaking the world record is a goal Dunkerley set for himself after suffering a broken leg and skull fracture after he and fellow para-athlete Stuart McGregor were struck by an SUV in November 2005. That was just a year after he had won the silver medal at the Athens Paralympics, and after he'd been named Ottawa male athlete of the year.

"We feel like we've been knocking at the door for a while," said Dunkerley. "Every time out we're aiming for it, for sure. It's going to come down to good conditions and the right race for

everything to fall into place."

National team manager Melissa Dowling said ambulatory athletes will be taking part in the Summer Games events here as if they were competing for medals, though separate events are planned for wheelchair athletes.

Both brothers were born blind — an inherited trait passed on from parents who are not visually impaired, said John. This will be the first Paralympics for John and his guide runner, former Ottawa Gee Gee's runner Sean Young, 25.

The two have only been paired for 18 months and John's only been seriously focusing on sprinting for two years.

"We've come such a long way in a really short time. It's leaps and bounds," said John. "Next year is going to be tough when it gets harder and harder to lower our times."

The Paralympics start in Beijing on Sept. 6.

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Manitoba investigates first West Nile cases of the summer

Two cases of West Nile virus in humans have been reported in Manitoba. A Winnipeg man in his 50s has tested positive for the virus. The second, out-of-province person is believed to have visited western Manitoba and caught the virus there. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Canada



Rowdy flyer charged

A B.C. man has been accused of causing a disturbance on a WestJet flight from Vancouver to Winnipeg on Wednesday. Winnipeg police allege the "agitated, irritable" man yelled at passengers and flight attendants, and caused damage to the plane's overhead panels during the flight. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Liberals lead Conservatives in polls

OTTAWA Canada's opposition Liberals maintain a one-point lead over the governing Conservatives, according to the latest Harris-Decima popularity poll.

The Harris-Decima poll put the Liberals at 33 percent and the Conservatives at 32 percent. The New Democrats stand at 15 percent and the Greens at 6 percent.

The findings contradict results from a survey released earlier this month by rival pollster Ipsos Reid. It found the Conservatives four points ahead of the Liberals. **REUTERS**

U.S. court to rehear Arar case

OTTAWA A U.S. court will rehear a lawsuit it earlier rejected from Canadian Maher Arar, who claims the U.S. government sent him illegally to Syria where he was tortured for a year.

In June, a U.S. appeals court panel ruled 2-1 that the Syrian-born Arar failed to establish that the federal court had jurisdiction to hear his complaint.

Yesterday, the same court issued "an extremely rare" order to rehear the case, without either side requesting it.

The U.S. government admitted last October that the U.S. had mishandled Arar's case but stopped short of an apology. **REUTERS**

News in brief

OTTAWA An American who deserted the U.S. Army to protest the Iraq War and who has been ordered deported back home will file a new appeal in Canada's Federal Court. Jeremy Hinzman applied for refugee status but immigration authorities denied his claim, saying he would not face persecution or hardship if forced to return to the U.S. He faces a court martial and up to five years in prison if he returns. **REUTERS**

'We recognize the sacrifice given': Oda

Condolences, praise for slain Canadian aid workers

International Co-operation Minister Beverley Oda extended her condolences to the families of the two Canadian humanitarian workers gunned down Wednesday in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Foreign aid workers regularly "demonstrate the strength of their courage and their compassion" on missions such as the one Jacqueline Kirk and Shirley Case were deployed to in the war-torn country.

Kirk, a 40-year-old Canadian-British citizen from

Montreal, and Case, 30, of 100 Mile House, B.C., were killed when Taliban fighters opened fire on their vehicle south of Kabul. Trinidadian-U.S. citizen Nicole Dial, 32, and 25-year-old driver Mohammad Aimal also died in the attack.

The three women were working for the New York-based International Rescue Committee.

"All members of government recognize the sacri-

"They showed strength of their courage and compassion."

Beverly Oda

fice that has been given," the minister said.

"There are growing concerns in every country (where aid workers are deployed) about the safety of humanitarian workers," she said. "We are in a conflict zone. There is a war

going on."

Humanitarian aid groups "take into consideration the safety and security" of all aid workers, keeping in mind established precedents about acceptable safety levels, Oda said.

She added that aid organizations are required to share with Canadian officials "sound plans as to the safety of workers," which vary with the different conditions in each country. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Police shooting Montreal man mourned



More than 300 mourners gathered in Montreal yesterday to pay their last respects to Fredy Villanueva, 18, who was shot and killed by a Montreal police officer last Saturday in a multi-ethnic neighbourhood where relations between police and youth have long been frayed. The teen's death ignited a riot last Sunday. See video from the funeral online at metronews.ca.

Russia has 'Soviet-era' mentality: Harper

OTTAWA Russia's military intrusion into parts of Georgia reflects a "Soviet-era mentality" that is deeply troubling, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday as he urged Moscow to withdraw.

"I am deeply troubled by a notion I see developing in Russia ... that Russia somehow has a say or some control over countries outside of its borders. In my judgment this is a very worrisome development," Harper told reporters at an event in Newfoundland.

"It really indicates a Soviet-era mentality and I think it is something that all democratic countries should speak out strongly against and I hope Russia will reconsider its actions," Harper said.

Russian troops have occupied parts of Georgia since repelling a Georgian attack last week on the tiny pro-Russian separatist territory of South Ossetia.

On Thursday, Russian armed forces moved in or around at least three Georgian towns, ignoring demands by Washington and other Western countries that Moscow respect Georgia's territorial integrity. **REUTERS**

Georgia/Russia

Possible scenarios

- U.S.-Russian ties look set to deteriorate further if Russia shows no sign of pulling its forces back soon.
- A U.S. humanitarian airlift to Georgia brings U.S. and Russian forces into close proximity, creating additional risks.
- A ceasefire and signs of Russian withdrawal from Georgia may create a diplomatic breathing space and comfort financial markets.

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Certain commonly available skin creams may cause skin tumours, at least in mice, and experts should be checking to see if they might cause growths in people as well, researchers reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

World



Taiwan accepts pandas

Taiwan has finally approved the import of two giant pandas from China named Yuan Yuan and Tuan Tuan, overcoming suspicions that delayed their arrival by two years. China has vowed to bring Taiwan under its rule, and offered the pandas a gesture of zoological diplomacy — their names, said together, mean “unite.” **REUTERS**

Clinton's name to be presented in Denver

POLITICS Hillary Clinton will be symbolically put forward as a presidential candidate at the Democratic convention later this month in Denver, even though she narrowly lost the nominating battle to Barack Obama.

Obama insisted that Clinton's name be placed in nomination, the cam-

paings said in a joint statement that noted both senators are looking forward to a unified convention.

The Obama campaign hopes the move will dispel any lingering tensions between the supporters of the former rivals, but it could also highlight those tensions to a national television audience. **REUTERS**

Trafficking Shriver takes stage at L.A. discussion



Maria Shriver, first lady of California, speaks at a discussion titled Human Trafficking: A Unified Call to Action, as Lourdes Laborin, first lady of Sonora Mexico, listens at the Border Governors Conference in Los Angeles yesterday.

Bombing suits settled by Libya, U.S.

CODATLINE NEWS. Libya and the United States signed a deal yesterday to compensate all U.S. and Libyan victims of bombings or their relatives, clearing the way for the former foes to improve faltering ties.

U.S. victims covered include those who died in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people, and the 1986 attack on a Berlin disco that killed three people and wounded 229, Libyan officials said. It also covers Libyans killed in 1986 when U.S. planes bombed Tripoli and Benghazi. Forty people died. **REUTERS**

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Rebel states push for independence

Georgia's Russia-backed rebel regions toughened their push for independence yesterday, ruling out talks with Tbilisi following a week-long conflict between Russia and Georgia.

Eduard Kokoity and Sergei Bagapsh, self-styled presidents of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, flew to Moscow in a surprise visit to thank the Kremlin for its support during the conflict and seek Moscow's guarantees in their drive for independence.

"Before Georgia's aggression, talks with Georgia were possible . . . but now

Uncanny guess

• The outbreak of war between Georgia and Russia shocked most of the world last week, but Geoff Smith, a Kiev-based analyst for Renaissance Capital investment bank, anticipated the Georgian move with uncanny prescience in an e-mail two days earlier to a fellow strategist.

there will be no talks with Georgia," Bagapsh said after talks with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

Kokoity, speaking alongside Bagapsh, added: "De-

spite the attack on the people of South Ossetia, our will and desire to achieve independence did not change."

Georgia sent troops to South Ossetia a week ago to regain control over the region but Moscow crushed Georgian forces five days later, drawing condemnation from the West.

Earlier at the Kremlin, Medvedev said Russia supported the two regions' position in talks on their future status but did not explicitly say Russia would recognise their independence. **REUTERS**

Karadzic's family could face prosecution

WAR CRIMES The family of ex-Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic could face prosecution for helping him avoid arrest on

war crimes charges for 11 years, a top international official said yesterday.

Karadzic faces charges of genocide for the 1992 Sre-

brenica massacre of some 8,000 Bosnian Muslims and the Sarajevo siege in which over 14,000 people died. **REUTERS**

News in brief

LAYOFFS Gannett Co. Inc. plans to eliminate 1,000 positions from its local newspapers around the U.S. because of declining advertising and circulation revenue, and may cut more if those conditions persist.

MEXICO More than 30 American black bears have been sighted in and around the city of Monterrey in northern Mexico since April, some in gardens trying to drink from swimming pools and others in schools and on building sites as they seek food and water amid a housing boom.

POLAND Poland and the United States are finalizing an agreement to station parts of the U.S. global missile shield on Polish soil, Prime Minister Donald Tusk said on Polish private TVN channel.

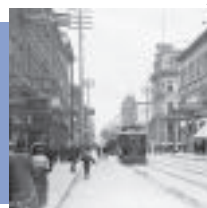
NIGERIA Nigeria's most prominent militant group rescued two German hostages seized by an armed gang yesterday. It was an unprecedented intervention by a group that has wrought havoc on the OPEC member's oil sector since early 2006 in a campaign of violence. **REUTERS**

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Like Revlon and Avon Products, Estee Lauder Cos and Elizabeth Arden reported quarterly profits that met or topped Wall Street estimates, demonstrating that tough times do not cause women to cut back on make-up, skin creams and perfumes. **REUTERS**

Business

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Takeover bid for Sleep Country

CONTROL Private equity firms Birch Hill Equity Partners Management and Westerkirk Capital launched a \$299 million bid yesterday for Sleep Country Canada Income Fund to take control of the mattress retailer. Christine Magee, its president, founder and pitchwoman, will stay on. **REUTERS**

Bush signs consumer bill

SAFETY Legislation aimed at improving U.S. consumer product safety after millions of Chinese-made toys were recalled last summer was signed into law by U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday. It cuts the amount of lead in toys and partially bans plastic-softening chemicals called phthalates. **REUTERS**

Tesco Stepping into India



Tesco PLC Director for Asia and Europe Philip Clarke speaking during a news conference in Mumbai yesterday. Tesco, the world's No. 3 retailer, plans to set up shop in India with a wholesale cash-and-carry business and a deal to help Indian conglomerate Tata Group grow its hypermarket business. **REUTERS**

Reward costs hit Aeroplan profit

LOYALTY Second-quarter profit at Groupe Aeroplan fell 36 per cent as its cost of rewards and other expenses rose, the consumer loyalty program operator

said yesterday. Aeroplan, best known as Air Canada's frequent flier program operator, earned \$31.5 million, down from year-earlier \$49.5 million. **REUTERS**

Housing prices cool

Western cities hit hardest

Canadian average home prices have fallen for the second straight month in a row, raising concern by economists that the housing market may have been caught in the undertow of a U.S. based recession.

Average home prices nationally fell by a significant 3.6 per cent to \$327,020, from year ago levels in July, according to figures released by the Canadian Real Estate Association yesterday.

In June, prices fell by 0.4 per cent, the first time the market recorded a decrease in nearly a decade.

"We had a small drop the month before, but this looks like the real thing. We hope it's not the beginning of an accelerating trend," said TD Securities Economics Strategist Millan Mulraine.

"We had a small drop the month before, but this looks like the real thing."

Millan Mulraine

The bulk of the declines were in the western provinces, with cities such as Calgary down by 7.8 per cent and Edmonton by 5.3 per cent. The previously unassailable Vancouver market saw a 1 per cent drop, all helping to bring the national average down.

A drop in prices is typically preceded by a fall in sales. In this case, sales volume in cities such as Vancouver were down by a mammoth 44 per cent, and Calgary by 13 per cent.

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Lawsuit queries 9-1-1 charges

WIRELESS Patricia Robson has long assumed the 50-cent "9-1-1 emergency service access fee" on her monthly Rogers Wireless bill goes directly toward paying for emergency services. But a new lawsuit seeking class action status alleges that, in the case of Rogers, only a fraction of the charge — 9.5 cents in Ontario — is actually required by regulators.

Rivals Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. each charge a 75-cent fee to their wireless customers for 9-1-1 services.

That collectively translates into nearly \$100 million each year in extra wireless charges based on subscriber statistics.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Chip problems on iPhone: Reports

COMPLAINTS An Infineon chip could be at the root of complaints from around the world that Apple Inc.'s new iPhone drops calls and has unpredictable Internet links, according to a research report from Nomura.

BusinessWeek also reported the iPhone is suffering from faulty software on an Infineon chip, and that Apple plans to fix it with a software update.

REUTERS

Dubai fund boss facing probe

MORTGAGE Dubai mortgage lender Tamweel's shares fell almost 6 per cent yesterday after media reports that former chief executive Adel al-Shirawi was questioned by Dubai police over what reports said were alleged financial irregularities while he was employed by Tamweel.

REUTERS

In brief

RETAIL Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is determined to maintain its low prices and its margins despite growing pressure from suppliers seeking price increases as commodity prices hit record levels, its chief financial officer Tom Schoewe said yesterday. The retailers reported a 17 per cent jump in profit. **REUTERS**

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Sports

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Bills hold on for win in Toronto

NFL Pittsburgh's Dennis Dixon ran for a 47-yard touchdown with just over four minutes left last night, but the Steelers couldn't complete the comeback last night in Toronto.

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Ochoa tops at Open

Defending champion Lorena Ochoa birdied her final hole for a 6-under-par 66 and took a one-stroke lead over world No. 2 Annika Sorenstam yesterday in the first round of the 2008 CN Canadian Women's Open at the Ottawa Hunt and Gold Club.

Sorenstam won the inaugural CN Canadian Women's Open in 2001 at Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham, Ont., but has not made it back to Canada to defend her title, as the annual contest has overlapped the Ladies European Tour's Scandinavian TPC, an event where Sorenstam plays host.

Alena Sharp carded a 1-under-par 71 to emerge as the frontrunner in a pack of 16 Canadians in this week's field.

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Paula Creamer, former LPGA Rookie of the Year, shot a 1-under 71 at the CN Canadian Women's Open yesterday, and sits four strokes off the lead heading into the second round.

Roy's surgery successful

Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy, left, underwent successful arthroscopic surgery yesterday to repair a meniscus tear in his left knee. The All-Star from the University of Washington learned of the injury following an MRI on Tuesday and is expected to be sidelined four-to-eight weeks.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

NHL TSN and Sportsnet each reported yesterday that disgruntled Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Bryan McCabe has agreed to waive his no-trade clause. Both networks reported that a deal has been worked out in principle which send McCabe to the Florida Panthers in exchange for defenceman Mike Van Ryn.

MLB Edgar Renteria hit a two-run double as part of a five-run

eightth inning to lift the Detroit Tigers to a 5-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays to avoid a sweep in the last of a four-game set at Detroit's Comerica Park.

TV TSN announced today that it is launching TSN2, a digital channel that will air much of the channel's sports properties that often don't make it to air or are tape-delayed. The channel will be available starting Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

SCOREBOARD

MLB	Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers	Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:05
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	TODAY'S GAMES	Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:40
AMERICAN LEAGUE	AMERICAN LEAGUE	CFL
Detroit 5 Toronto 1	Toronto at Boston, 7:05	WEEK 8
Chicago Sox 9 Kansas City 2	Baltimore at Detroit, 7:05	LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
Tampa Bay 7 Oakland 6	Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05	Winnipeg 37 Hamilton 24
Boston 10 Texas 0	L.A. Angels at Cleveland, 7:05	TONIGHT'S GAME
Baltimore 11 Cleveland 6	Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05	Montreal at Toronto, 7:30
NATIONAL LEAGUE	Seattle at Minnesota, 8:10	BASEBALL
Houston 7 San Francisco 4	Chicago Sox at Oakland, 10:05	CAN-AM LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE OTTAWA RAPIDZ:
Arizona 6 Colorado 2	N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 7:05	LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
Milwaukee 2 San Diego 3	Chicago Cubs at Florida, 7:10	OTTAWA 9 Sussex 5
Cincinnati 3 Pittsburgh 1	St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10	TONIGHT'S GAME
Chicago Cubs 11 Atlanta 7	San Francisco at Atlanta, 7:35	OTTAWA at Quebec, 7:05
N.Y. Mets 9 Washington 3	Colorado at Washington, 7:35	
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If you have answered YES to three or more of these questions and have felt poorly for the past six months, you may be suffering from generalized anxiety.

Psychiatrists at the Ottawa Psychopharmacology Clinic are currently seeking volunteers to participate in a research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of generalized anxiety. Total treatment duration is 43 weeks. To volunteer you must be over 18 years of age, in generally good health, not currently in psychiatric treatment or taking medications for anxiety, and have no significant drug or alcohol problems.

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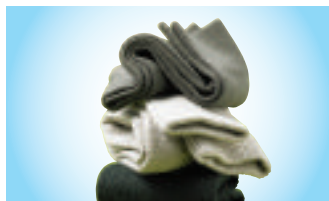
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Alexander Malleta and Alfredo Despaigne each smacked two-run homers to lift Cuba, the defending gold medallists, to a 7-6 win over Canada. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

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Pierse breaks Canadian mark

SWIMMING Edmonton's Annamay Pierse broke the Canadian record in the women's 200-metre breaststroke final early this morning in Beijing, but finished sixth.

American Rebecca Soni broke the world record en route to an upset of Australia's Leisel Jones for the gold, with Norway's Sara Nordenstam taking bronze. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Medal count

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
#1	China	22	8	5	35
#2	U.S.	10	9	15	34
#3	South Korea	6	7	3	16
#4	Australia	5	4	7	16
#5	France	2	8	5	15
#6	Russia	3	8	3	14
#7	Italy	6	4	3	13
#8	Germany	7	2	3	12
#9	Japan	5	3	3	11
	Canada	0	0	0	0

(Count at the end of Day 6)

Sizzling sixth gold for phenom Phelps

American just one short of Spitz's mark

American Michael Phelps won his sixth gold medal and set his sixth world record at the Beijing Olympics early this morning with victory in the men's 200 metres individual medley.

Phelps inched closer to his ultimate goal of winning eight golds in a single Olympics when he touched the wall first in one minute 54.23 seconds, 0.57 inside his previous record of 1:54.80 set at last month's U.S. Olympic trials.

Hungary's Laszlo Cseh finished second in 1:56.52 to collect his third silver

medal behind Phelps this week.

Phelps' American teammate Ryan Lochte finished third in 1:56.53 despite diving back into the pool half an hour after he broke the 200 backstroke world record to win his first individual gold.

Keith Beavers of Orangethorpe, Ont., placed seventh in a time of 1:59.43.

Phelps now has 12 career Olympic golds, three more than anyone else, and is now chasing Mark Spitz's 1972 record of seven golds at a single Games.

He showed little emotional reaction apart from a quick shake of his fist after his victory this morning.

Also in the pool early today:

• Germany's Britta Steffen won gold in the women's 100-metre freestyle.

Australian's Libby Trickett took silver, while American Natalie Coughlin earned bronze.

• Lochte held off American compatriot Aaron Piersol to claim gold in the 200-metre backstroke. Arkady Vyatchanin picked up the bronze.

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Michael Phelps of the U.S. set his sixth world record at the Beijing Games early this morning in the men's 200-metre individual medley final at the National Aquatics Centre.



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Beijing Games

Bling-bling is the thing

Expert believes cash would help Canada reach podium

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Jane Roos believes she does. The founder a decade ago of a charity devoted to raising funds for Canada's Olympians — check out www.canadianathletes-now.ca — Roos knows what our athletes have done behind the scenes to make ends meet and pursue their dreams simultaneously. She knows how they train. And

"I think a more elite training system would have enabled Mike to win a medal," Roos says. "Very few of our athletes can train as, say, the Americans do. In Canada, athletes get some funding from the govern-

"Why care about how many medals Canada wins?" he asked in an email

The debate, of course, shall continue.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Federer, Williamses bounced in Beijing

"Wow! You can't see this kind of crowd anywhere else. It helped me and pushed me a lot," said Li, the world No. 42 but a one-time member of the top 20 club. **REUTERS**



Serena

Dream Team trounces Greece

Bryant scored 18 points, while James chipped in with 13 as the Americans gained a measure of revenge for a semifinal defeat by the Greeks in the 2006 world championships. **REUTERS**

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Actresses Penelope Cruz, left, and Scarlett Johansson star in Woody Allen's latest film *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*, which has the energy, vitality, and themes of a young filmmaker trying to make a name for himself, our reviewer writes.

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Rainn Wilson got to let loose in *The Rocker* role.

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★★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★★ GOOD; ★★★ FAIR; ★★ POOR

Allen makes this European excursion work

Vicky Cristina
Barcelona

Director: Woody Allen

Stars: Javier Bardem, Scarlett Johansson, Penelope Cruz

Classification: 14A

Rating: ★★★★★

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Vicky Cristina Barcelona appears on screens one year shy of the 40th anniversary of Woody Allen's directorial debut *Take The Money And Run*.

Despite the fact that the director has averaged one film per year since, his latest movie has the energy, vitality, and themes of a young filmmaker trying to make a name for himself. A change of scenery

worked wonders for Allen in 2005 when he traveled to London to make *Match Point* (arguably his greatest drama), and a Spanish setting has proved to be equally inspiring for the 72-year-old filmmaker on this project, which is his finest romantic comedy in years.

Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall star as the titular duo Vicky and Cristina, two lost souls spending a summer in Barcelona.

They meet Juan Antonio (Javier Bardem), an artist who introduces himself by inviting the pair to join him for a weekend of food, wine, and lovemaking.

The girls agree and while Vicky must put aside her feelings for Juan because of an impending marriage, Cristina continues her affair with the artist, which grows more

complicated when his ex-wife (Penelope Cruz) returns.

What follows is a breezy, cheerful, and hilarious ode to youthful indiscretions filmed in the burned-out warm colors and unpredictable style of New Mexican Cinema.

Ever the pessimist, Allen refuses to grant his characters a "happily ever after," but the movie still benefits from the most joyful representation love that Allen has permitted on screen since Dianne Keaton uttered "La-di-da."

Granted, the film suggests that such love is fleeting and must be appreciated before it inevitably disappears, but by Woody's standards that statement is practically a Hallmark card.

Away from his New York setting, Vicky Christina



Javier Bardem and Scarlett Johansson star in Woody Allen's *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*.

Barcelona certainly doesn't rank among Allen's greatest achievements, but it is his most successful comedy this decade and boasts sensa-

tional performances from Bardem and Cruz (whose brief kiss with Johansson has been sadly over publicized).

Hopefully this hit-and-

miss four year cinematic excursion to Europe will revitalize Allen when he returns to New York to shoot his upcoming collaboration with Larry David.

Fish out of water, thanks to Rainn

BRIAN TOWIE
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Rainn Wilson enjoyed getting out of *The Office* for a little while.

The Emmy-nominated and Screen Actors Guild winner got to trade in his role as the authoritarian and socially inept sales rep Dwight Schrute in the NBC sitcom for a shaggy-haired, beer-swilling musician in his new family comedy *The Rocker* — filmed in part in Toronto.

In the movie directed by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Peter Cattaneo (*The Full Monty*), Wilson plays Fish, a drummer in a 1980s hair metal group who's ditched by his band mates just as they're on the cusp of superstardom. He gets a new lease on life, and a chance at the fame he missed out on after a clip of him

drumming in the nude for his nephew's band surfaces online. "I'm so used to playing nerdy weirdos," says Wilson, 42.

"So it was a fun challenge to get out and cut loose for the role of Fish. I didn't really have any specific drummers in mind when I worked out the part, though, because there are so many great ones, and I wanted to create this character that was all flash and no substance.

"Most of my memory from filming this thing was a lot of artificial sweat and a Hallowe'en wig."

The premise sounds like a familiar story involving a certain Fab Four and their former drummer, doesn't it? But the music aficionado — he's a fan of Wilco, Bob Dylan and The National to name a few — insists he never asked Pete Best, arguably the music



Rainn Wilson got nude and sweaty for his role as a drummer in his upcoming movie, *The Rocker*.

world's most notorious could-have-been (who makes a cameo in the movie), for insight on what it's like to be the one left behind.

"No, I didn't take any tips from him, but it was very cool to meet him," says Wilson. "I was really nervous about it, actually."

So with *The Rocker* in the can, Wilson's looking forward to the 3-D feature *Transformers II: Revenge*

of *The Fallen*, slated for release next June. Online reports say the actor will make a cameo as a university professor, but Wilson's pretty tight-lipped about it himself. He will offer this little nugget of information, however:

"I get to kill Shia LaBeouf," he laughs.

"It's going to be pretty awesome, because that annoying little jerk has it coming."

The quirky yet un compelling End

Encounters at the
End of the World

Director: Werner Herzog

Stars: Scott Rowland

Classification: STC

Rating: ★★

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW At the beginning of *Encounters at the End of the World*, acclaimed director Werner Herzog (*Grizzly Man*, *Rescue Dawn*) flies to Antarctica to make a documentary but, as he claims, will not "come up with another film about penguins." Instead, the German filmmaker wants to study the eccentric personalities that make up the population that choose to inhabit an isolated world where everyone must

take survival school and endure 5 months of nighttime.

Along the way, Herzog does meet interesting people — a plumber who believes he's ancient Aztec royalty; a woman who contorts herself to fit inside a piece of luggage — but after 100 minutes of this, the film's goal is still unclear and you're left feeling unfulfilled. There are beautiful scenes in *Encounters*. Set to a choral score, those underused moments are simply haunting. However, Herzog's most compelling encounter ironically comes when he discovers a penguin colony and a disoriented bird that strays off to its imminent death. Considering Herzog's earlier claim, maybe he should've made *March of the Penguins 2* after all.

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Movie morsels

Tropic thunder

REVIEW Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise (in a surprising role that's sure to relieve those who thought he'd all but beamed up to Planet Thetan) in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons.

Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, a fleeting action star leading the cast of a fictional war film being shot in Southeast Asia. Instead, the gang loses their director, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists. The twist: They're convinced it's all part of the movie. It's a great premise and one that doesn't let down with its cast.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Pineapple Express

REVIEW Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Seth Rogen, this film is a Mid-night Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder. Pineapple Express works as an impossibly hip comedy.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Mummy:

Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

REVIEW Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser) returns to action with his wife (Maria Bello) after his son digs up the tomb of an evil Emperor and ... well, as O'Connell exclaims, "there's a mummy on the loose!" Nobody expects perfection from this type of movie, but here, dialogue is unfunny and the visual effects only mildly distract from a plot that leaves this as thrilling as a 2,000 year old bag of bones.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Dark Knight

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REVIEW When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Journey to the Center of the Earth

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REVIEW Brendan Fraser stars in this 3-D film, which features, among other exercises of the medium, a thick glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. An updating of the classic Jules Verne tale for the green screen age, it's been given the full-on 3-D treatment by director Eric Brevig with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the film's primary technical parlour trick. Its hurtling pace and unabashed enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.

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Hancock

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REVIEW Comic book aficionados will spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half, and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible boor who can't remember his past. Like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world.

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Anakin Skywalker and his new padawan, Ahsoka, join forces in Star Wars: The Clone Wars.

Clone Wars a long videogame

Star Wars: The Clone Wars

Director: Dave Filoni

Stars: Matt Lanter, Ashley Eckstein

Classification: PG

Rating: ★★

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW In my humble opinion, we need another Stars Wars movie like Jabba the Hutt's waistline needs another Klatooine paddy frog.

If you understood that reference, chances are you don't agree with me and in fact, you're probably quite giddy to see Star Wars: The Clone Wars. Set sometime between Episode II and III, The Clone Wars sticks Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Yoda in the middle of an intergalactic civil war between the good clones and the evil Imperial droids.

There, Skywalker is paired up with a wiry, young Jedi apprentice named Ahsoka Tano and the duo must rescue Jabba

the Hutt's slimy little kidnapped son.

In reality, this movie kicks-off a new animated series of the same name, and although it makes a great way to launch a TV show, it also highlights where this film truly belongs.

Sure, it's an interesting combination of traditional animation, CGI and anime (specifically during battle scenes), but the story itself is about as compelling as watching somebody play a videogame for about 90 minutes.

Difficult to follow at first, the movie is also hampered by flat, uninspired dialogue.

Worse yet, unable to recruit most of the actors from the films, producers were left with cheap vocal substitutes that seemingly stand to set the film up to be what it is: an imitation of the real thing.

When it seems a legacy like Star Wars would be so unimpeachable, it makes you wonder why George Lucas would allow such a (pardon the pun) clone into the world.

Bottle Shock bland

Bottle Shock

Director: Randall Miller

Stars: Allan Rickman, Bill Pullman

Classification: PG

Rating: ★★

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Aside from a scene in which an anxious Bill Pullman obliterates the top of a bottle of wine with a samurai sword (his kingdom for a corkscrew!) there are no surprises in Bottle Shock. This is partially because its story — about a group of affable, flannel-clad Napa Valley winemakers who turn the industry on its snooty French nose by producing a top-shelf Chardonnay — is based in fact: In 1973, the California-based Chateau Montelena won a French tasting contest and made the marketplace safe for American plonk.

It's also because director Randall Miller never met a reaction shot or an overbearing music cue that he

couldn't use: Bottle Shock is perfectly content to be pap. The material is interesting — especially after Jonathan Nossiter's epic wine doc Mondovino — but the details are hackneyed. We get a perfectionist vintner father (Pullman) who tries to straighten out his layabout son (Chris Pine); an attractive blonde intern (Rachael Taylor) splits her affections between said handsome layabout and his golden-palated, fetchingly dorky Latino pal (Freddy Rodriguez); meanwhile, a sassy local barmaid (Eliza Dushku) doles out wisdom and dues ex machinas.

The only performer to rise above the dully crowd-pleasing atmosphere is Alan Rickman as the Paris wine shop owner who puts the tasting contest in motion. It's amusing to watch this impeccable actor play something of a sad sack, and a quick bit where he battles with a bothersome restaurant door is a master-class of strenuously maintained dignity.

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This time around, it's jail time for Joan

Actress takes new challenge in *Death Race*

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Joan Allen has been accused of witchcraft in *The Crucible* and played a vice-presidential nominee in *The Contender*.

She's even been the wife of a U.S. president in *Nixon*. Of all things she's been though, the mastermind of a car rally to the death is not one of them.

In *Death Race* (opening next Friday), the Oscar-nominated actress plays an evil prison warden who sends inmates out to the track to race for their freedom. Muscle cars are loaded with machine guns to help eliminate competitors. It's not what you'd expect from the lady who played Pat Nixon.

"I loved *Road Warrior*, and I thought if this film

did what *Road Warrior* did, I would be thrilled to be part of something like that," Allen enthusiastically said during a recent interview in San Diego.

Seeing Allen play such a diabolical character will not only be a new experience for fans, but it was also a departure for Allen.

As much as she enjoys making dramas, she's unsure why it's difficult to land more action-oriented parts.

"I think it's difficult for Hollywood to take too big a risk on things because it's not easy to raise money and make films."

"It's more comforting to know, 'Oh, that actor can do this and we know they can do it,'" adds Allen.

"So I felt like they did take a bit of a chance with me on this and I'm grateful for it."



Joan Allen

Funny Bunny: Faris as Playmate

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



For most serious thespians, playing a bubble-headed nude model whose greatest aspiration is to become a Playboy Playmate is probably not high on their to-do list. Anna Faris however, is not your average thespian.

Blasting onto the Hollywood scene in 2000 with her ditzzy lead role in *Scary Movie*, Faris has slowly gained notoriety playing "the wacky blonde" in shticky comedies like *The Hot Chick* and *Just Friends*.

"I wasn't getting the chance to play the roles I really wanted to," Faris revealed recently in L.A. while promoting *The House Bunny* (opening next Friday).

"This felt like, oh, so maybe I can do this and maybe I can continue to do this, which would be amazing."

What she's referring to likely doesn't have so



Anna Faris stars in *The House Bunny*, which opens next Friday.

much to do with playing a scantily-clad model as it does with getting a movie made in the dog-eat-dog world of Hollywood.

See, Faris not only stars in *The House Bunny*, but she's an executive producer on the film having conceived the idea about a Playmate who gets kicked out of living in Hugh Hefner's mansion because of

her age.

Desperate for shelter, she ends up a housemother to a nerdy group of sorority girls.

"I think that it's more about finding her family and that she realizes that she doesn't belong in that world anymore," says Faris about the Playmate aspirations in the story.

"(But I also) don't think

it's necessarily a judgment against that world."

Co-star Emma Stone would agree. In fact, she insists that Faris is the root of the movie's honesty.

"What Anna brought to the role was someone (our characters) could relate to from the outside," admits the young actress.

"It was so important that someone like Anna, or just Anna, played this role because her likeability and her heart shines through the whole thing."

Still, while the film does have heart and even contains a strong message about individuality, don't think that Anna Faris wasn't also attracted to hanging out at the Playboy Mansion and dressing up in skimpy, sexy outfits — a notion that certainly didn't impress everyone.

"When I floated the idea past my mom, who's pretty conservative, she was like, 'You're doing what?'" laughs Faris in hindsight. "Now, of course, she's like, 'I'm so proud of you.'"

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Step Brothers (14A) SDOS Digital Fri 4:15-6:45-9:05 SDOS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:05 SDOS Digital Mon-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:05

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The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Tue 10:11-4:51-3:30-5:35-8:15-9:55 Wed-Thu 11:45-3:10-6:35-9:55

Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 10:35-1:10-4-6:45-9:25

Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 7:9-50

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 10:15-1:35-4:35-6:30-9:20

Mirrors (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:30-1:30-4:15-7:15-10:10

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Thu 10:05-12:55-3:55-6:40-9:30

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thu 11:50-4:40-7:30-10:15

The Rocker (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 10:35-1:10-4:10-7:05-10:20

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 10:25-1:15-4:05-6:50-9:40

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:20-12:50-3:20-7:10-9:45

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 10:10-1:25-4:25-7:25-10

Tropic Thunder (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:05-1:55-4:55-7:40-10:30

WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 10:45-1:20-4:20

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Les Chimpanzés de l'espace (G) Fri-Thu 12:05

Cirque du Soleil: Delirium (STC) Wed-Thu 7

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-4:45-5:40-8:30-9

La Graine et le mulet (STC) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:15-6:20-9:25

Journey to the Center of the Earth (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:40-5:10-9:30

Ma vie n'est pas une comédie romantique (STC) Fri-Tue 9:20

Mamma Mia! (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:40

Mirrors (13+) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:45

La Momie: La Tombe de l'empereur dragon (G) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:55-6:50-9:25 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:25

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:10-9:50

Pineapple Express (13+) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:40-9:15

The Rocker (G) Wed-Thu 1:30-4:05-6:45-9:20

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:7-15-9:55

Star Wars: La Guerre des clones (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:55-5:15-7:35-10

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:30-9:55

Step Brothers (13+) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:35-10

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The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:10-6:30-10:30

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:40-6:40-9:30

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:20-10:15

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 1:47-10:10-10:05 Tue 4:7-10:10-10:05 Wed-Thu 1:47-10:10-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-7:40

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:30-9:20

Tropic Thunder (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:50

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Cirque du Soleil: Delirium (STC) Wed-Thu 7

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:10-7:40-10:50

The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:10-10:20

Get Smart (PG) Fri-Sat 11:55-2:50-5:50-9:40 Sun 11:55-2:50-5:50 Mon 11:55-2:50-9:40 Tue 11:55-2:50-5:50-9:40 Wed 11:55-2:50-9:40 Thu 11:55-2:50-9:40

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Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-8:10-35

Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Tue 7:25-10:25 Wed 10:25 Thu 7:25-10:25

Tropic Thunder (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:50-5:25-7:55-10:45

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-5:35-8:10-25

WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:25-4:55-7:50-10:30

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METRO



Music

What we can learn from Chinese rock

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On the immigration card you're given just before you land in Beijing, you're asked about your health. "Are you moment experiencing any of the following conditions: Coughing, fever, nausea, headaches, sweats, sneezing or snivelling?" (Snivelling? What does that even mean?)

The card also warns you of the penalties for transporting any unauthorized material into the country.

One can assume this means any form of media that may be considered to have a corrupting influence on the culture of China. Pornography, for example, is forbidden. So is anything that might cause offense to the government. Which brings me to music.

Tens of thousands of Westerners are visiting China for the Olympics. Millions more will be lured later after this giant coming-out party winds down. I'm willing to bet that the Beijing rock scene will benefit greatly.

Although Chinese rock stars do exist — my favourite is Cui Jian, the anointed Father of Chinese Rock, whose song, I Have Nothing/Nothing to My Name, was an unofficial anthem of the Tiananmen Square uprising — they're almost completely unknown outside the country.

There are many flavours



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of zhōngguó yáo n — Chinese rock — as there are in the West: punk, extreme metal, Goth, alt-rock, hip-hop, electronica. Music-minded visitors looking for local colour will no doubt find Beijing clubs like MAO Live House, D-22 and Yugong Yishan, where they'll find music that could only be made by people exploding after generations of oppression and authoritarian rule.

Maybe someone will get discovered. Some people are betting on Joyslide, a group from north of Beijing who have released albums with titles like Drunk is Beautiful and Everything Sucks.

Or maybe zhōngguó yáo n has something to teach us. Because pirates and counterfeiters destroyed all semblance of a Western-style music industry years ago, some music

industry experts are looking at China for clues on how they can adapt to the new realities they face at home. If you can't sell CDs, how can you make a living? This year's Music Matters Asia, the annual Asia-

Pacific music forum in Hong Kong was the biggest yet, and featured speakers like U2 manager Paul McGuinness and Terry McBride of Canada's Network Records.

No one knows what long-term effects the Olympics will have on China, but I have a feeling that music is going to be involved somewhere along the way.

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- 2000 — David Bowie and Iman welcome their first child, Alexandria Zahra Jones. A statement reports that Bowie is involved in the delivery process and even cuts the umbilical cord.
- 1958 — Buddy Holly marries Maria Elena Santiago at his parents' home in Lubbock, Texas.

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TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. I Kissed A Girl Katy Perry
2. Just Dance Lady Gaga
3. Lollipop Lil Wayne
4. A Milli Lil Wayne
5. Dangerous Kardinal Offishall
6. When I Grow Up Pussycat Dolls
7. Crazy 8'tch Buckcherry
8. Calabria 2007 Enur
9. Low Flo Rida
10. Shake It Metro Station

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4. Chris Brown	Forever
5. Natasha Bedingfield	Pocketful Of Sunshine
6. Leona Lewis	Bleeding Love
7. Jesse McCartney	Leavin'
8. 3 Doors Down	It's Not My Time
9. Kardinal Offishall Ft Akon	Dangerous
10. Gavin Degraw	In Love With A Girl
11. Rihanna	Take a Bow
12. Metro Station	Shake It
13. David Cook	Time of My Life
14. Jordin Sparks	One Step At A Time
15. Daughtry	Feels Like Tonight
16. Maroon 5 Ft Rihanna	If I Never See Your Face Again
17. Rihanna	Disturbia
18. Leona Lewis	Better In Time
19. Colbie Caillat	Realize
20. Jordin Sparks f. Chris Brown	No Air
21. Sara Bareilles	Love Song
22. Lights	Drive My Soul
23. Hedley	Never Too Late
24. New Kids On The Block	Summertime
25. Simple Plan	Your Love Is a Lie
26. Duffy	Mercy
27. Jason Mraz	I'm Yours
28. Kreesha Turner	Don't Call Me Baby
29. Theory Of A Deadman	All Or Nothing
30. Madonna f. J. Timberlake	4 Minutes

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Thanks to join Mad Men

Actor Colin Hanks, left, will be joining the cast of Mad Men for three episodes this season, beginning Sunday. He will play a young priest visiting the church that Peggy's family attends. **TVGUIDE.COM**

TV

Julia Child: chef by day, spy by night?

SPIES LIKE US: It's not like it was ever really a secret – the factoid has been showing up in her biographies for years, and appeared in her New York Times obituary – but with the release of declassified U.S. government documents yesterday, it's official: Julia Child was a spy.

In addition to being one of the first ever celebrity TV chefs, Child was an operative for the Office of Strategic

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Services, the World War 2-era predecessor to the CIA, a distinction she shares with Chicago White Sox pitcher Moe Berg, actor

Sterling Hayden, the sons of Theodore Roosevelt and Ernest Hemingway, historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and the father of the drummer in new wave superstars The Police, according to an Associated Press story.

More than 35,000 OSS documents have been declassified, shedding light on the agency's membership and history during the fight against Nazi Germany, and finally offering an explanation

for why Child, who died in 2004 and was a fixture on PBS for four decades, could noiselessly kill a full-grown man with a set of measuring spoons and build a car bomb with a mixture of rubbed thyme and smoked paprika.

NETWORK DEATH KNELL: Everyone knows that cable has been stealing lunch from the big broadcast networks for years now, but a story in

Advertising Age this week has the numbers in excruciating detail – the sorts of figures that

should be causing some weeping and wailing in corner offices in Manhattan and Hollywood.

With their shift away from "acquired programming" – the licensed and syndicated shows, movies and reruns that still dominate programming on cable channels such as TCM, TV Land and Nick At Nite in the U.S., and TVtropolis, Showcase Diva and Action here in Canada – to original programming, leading cable channels have turned themselves into an army of HBOs in the last few years, but it's only in the last year or two that they've invested in promoting their original fare, and it's paying off.

A study by the Cable Ad-

vertising Bureau revealed that the average amount of original programming grew

from around 741 shows a week to 1,407 in the past five years, a leap that's reflected in double-digit growth in advertising revenue and a 10 per cent growth

in ad sales during upturns. Viewer totals in the last year also doubled, putting the cherry on top of a very tidy equation that's got to look bad down on the lower reaches of the dial, since it's meant an equivalent drop-off in viewers for the networks. Basically, it all means that it's not 1978 anymore – hell, it's not even 2002 – though it's hard to believe that the networks have grasped this fact in any meaningful way.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

FRIDAY

OT	Vu	Sc	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
265	353	2	TVO	Around the World	The Corporation	Heartbeat 'Mind Games'	Allan Gregg	Film 101	Corporation			
211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	Very Bad Men	NUMB3RS 'Black Swan'	Swingtown (HDTV) (N)	News (N)				
209	342	6	CHRO	Wheel-Fortune	Degrassi: Next	The Interrogation of Michael Crowe (2002) (DVS)	News (N)					
196	311	7	CTV	TMZ (N)	Jeopardy!	Greek 'Picking Teams'	Without a Trace	News (N)				
208	303	8	CBC	(6) XXIX Summer Olympics From Beijing. Swimming, finals; beach volleyball, round of 16 match; baseball: Canada vs. USA; athletics.	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)							
-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)						
-	362	13	CBS	Dr. Phil	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS 'Black Swan'	Swingtown (HDTV) (N)	Two/Half Men				
216	395	14	OMN2	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	News (N)	King	Cold Case				
214	344	15	CITY	Friends	Hollywood	Reaper 'Acid Queen'	Stargate SG-1 (DVS)	The Collector (DVS)	News (N)			
218	345	18	E!	The Insider (N)	E! News	Britney Spears: Price of Fame: The	E! True Hollywood Story	20/20 'Vanished: Coeds'	News (N)			
-	361	20	ABC	News (N)	Entertainment	Woodward Dream Cruise	Incredible Hulk	20/20 'Vanished: Coeds'	News (N)			
-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	NFL Preseason Football Oakland Raiders at Tennessee Titans. (HDTV) (Live)		News				
500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)					
406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.			Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet Con.				
126	730	28	RDI	RDI on direct	400 fois Qué	Les Grands reportages: les	Le Téléjournal	Chine	Le Téléjournal	Le National	Le Téléjournal	
400	280	30	TSN	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Montreal Alouettes at Toronto Argonauts. From Rogers Centre in Toronto.			SportsCentre				
554	544	48	TEL	George-Jungle	Tom & Jerry	Teen	Total Drama	Futura	IV for Vendetta *** (2006, Action)			
557	540	51	FAM	Wizards of Waverly Place	Disney Games	High School Musical 2 (2007) Zac Efron.						
551	542	65	YTV	Dance, Sunset	Dance, Sunset	Hill List	The Next Star	Falcon Beach	The Cleaner 'Rag Dolls'	15/Love		
615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami 'Hell Night'	CSI: Miami	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	Shocking Moments	World's Most Amazing Videos	Disorderly			
628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	ReGenesis 'Unbearable'	Cold Squad	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities			
616	521	39	SHO	Daily Planet	Canada's Worst Handyman II	Run's House	Buzzin'	From G's to Gents	Daily Planet			
520	505	42	DIS	Made Hip hop dancer.	NCIS 'Ice'	Cliff's Underworld	Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Impos.	
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SATURDAY

OT	Vu	Sc	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
265	353	2	TVO	Into the Wilderness	The Three Musketeers *** (1974, Adventure)	Andromeda (Part 1 of 2)	renewedepress	renewedepress	News (N)			
211	331	3	GTV	Andromeda	Largo Winch	Law & Order: SVU	Eli Stone (HDTV)	News (N)				
209	342	6	CHRO	FashionTele	Grand Star	Missing (DVS)	Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)			
196	311	7	CTV	W-FIVE-Canada	Murder in the Hamptons ** (2005, Docudrama)	(DVS)						
208	303	8	CBC	(6) XXIX Summer Olympics From Beijing. Athletics, women's marathon; swimming, finals; beach volleyball, women's quarterfinals.	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)							
-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)							
-	362	13	CBS	Paid Program	The Insider (N)	The Unit 'Bait' (HDTV)	48 Hours Mystery (N)	48 Hours Mystery	CSI: Miami			
216	395	14	OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	Iron Monkey ** (1993, Action)	Rongguang Yu, Donnie Yen.	Omni News: Mandarin	Chinese Rest.			
214	344	15	CITY	Stargate Atlantis	(DVS)	Murdoch Mysteries	Ripper: Letter From Hell ** (2001, Horror)	A.J. Cook, Bruce Payne.	Guy Stuff			
218	345	18	E!	E! News	Greatest Myst.	A Trick of the Mind (2006, Suspense)	Inside Hollywood (DVS)	McHale's Navy	Dragnet	MADTV		
-	361	20	ABC	Woodward Dream Cruise	News (N)	Cops	Leave-Beaver	The Monkees	News (N)			
-	365	36	FOX	News (N)	Seinfeld	Cops	America's Most Wanted	Newsroom	News (N)			
500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)	Special Investigations	Larry King Live	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Poker				
406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.								
126	730	28	RDI	Le Journal RDI	Tout	Documentaires-Découverte	Le Téléjournal	Chine	Le Téléjournal	Planète prise 2	Le Téléjournal	
400	280	30	TSN	(6:30) XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)								
554	544	48	TEL	Chaotic	Johnny Test	Chop Socky	6teen	Total Drama	Futura	Robot Chicken	Rick & Steve	Tripping-Rift
557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han, Montana	Superman II *** (1980, Science Fiction)	Ugly Betty	Supernatural (HDTV)	News (N)	
551	542	65	YTV	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Dragon Ball Z	Anti-Gravity	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks	Shadow Raider	
615	520	31	A&E	Cold Case Files	The First 48 (HDTV)	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	TNA IMPACT!	
628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: NY 'The Closer'	(6) The Wrong Guy	The Life and Hard Times of Guy Terriello	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park		
616	521	39	SHO	Superstorm Scientists try to control the weather.	Canada's Next Top Model	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Out of Time ** (2003, Suspense)	Denzel Washington.	Underworld		
520	505	42	DIS	Canada's Next Top Model	NCIS	Restaurant Makeover						
581	568	53	MTV	NCIS	Road Grill	Eat, Shrink						
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SUNDAY

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265	353	2	TVO	On the Trail of Tarka	Diamond Road	Diamond Road	Family Guy	American Dad	Diamond Road	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Next Big Thing
211	331	3	GTV	renewedepress	American Dad	Desperate Housewives	Sarah Connor Chronicles	Mad Men	News (N)			
209	342	6	CHRO	Funnies Home Videos	Instant Star (N)	Samantha Who	Two/Half Men	Million Dollar Password	Cold Case (HDTV)	News (N)		
196	311	7	CTV	(6) XXIX Summer Olympics From Beijing. Athletics, women's triathlon; beach volleyball, quarterfinals; baseball: Canada vs. Japan.	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)							
208	303	8	CBC	Countdown Kick	NFL Preseason Football Detroit Lions at Cincinnati Bengals. (Live)							
-	360	9	NBC	Tongues: History Language	Aarom	Airrang Korea	Word for Word	Chinese Rest.	Tongues: History Language	News (N)		
216	395	14	OMN2	Bewitched ** (2005, Romance-Comedy)	Nicole Kidman.	Ugly Betty	Supernatural (HDTV)	News (N)				
214	344	15	CITY	Stargate Atlantis	(DVS)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	The team rebuilds.	Desperate Housewives	News (N)			
218	345	18	E!	Funnies Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	The team rebuilds.	Desperate Housewives	News (N)				
-	361	20	ABC	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Sarah Connor Chronicles	News (N)			
-	365	36	FOX	Newsroom	Special Investigations	Larry King Live	Newsroom					
500	500	33	CNN	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)							
406	417	27	net	Le Journal RDI	Marie-Claude	Découverte (SC)	Le Téléjournal	Depuis 1608	Le Téléjournal	Chine	Le Téléjournal	
126	730	28	RDI	(6) XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)								
400	280	30	TSN	Total Drama	Fred's Head	6teen	The Next Star	Futura	Robot Chicken	Rick & Steve	Tripping-Rift	
554	544	48	TEL	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han, Montana	Ugly Betty	Supernatural (HDTV)	News (N)		
557	540	51	FAM	(6) Are We There Yet? (2005, Comedy)	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Two Coreys	Two Coreys	Two Coreys
551	542	65	YTV	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Kung Fu Hustle *** (2004, Action)	Carradine.	Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	MythBusters	Eyes Wide Shut *** (1999, Drama)		
615	520	31	A&E	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Kung Fu Hustle *** (2004, Action)	Carradine.	Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	MythBusters	Eyes Wide Shut *** (1999, Drama)		
628	584	32	SPKE	Rogue Nature 'Elephants' (N)	Nostradamus: The Truth	Canada's Next Top Model	Elizabet *** (1998, Historical Drama)	Cate Blanchett, Geoffrey Rush.	Rogue Nature	Canada-Model		
616	521	39	SHO	Canada's Next Top Model	NCIS 'UnSEALed'	Bobby Flay	Challenge (N)	Iron Chef America (N)	Jamie at Home	Nigella	Road Grill	
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IN THEATRES AUGUST 22ND

Regis set for guest-star role

Television personality Regis Philbin will guest-star on *How I Met Your Mother* this fall. Philbin will play himself in an episode, scheduled to air Sept. 29, which concerns Marshall's search for the restaurant in which he had his first New York burger, tvguide.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

weekend **23****TV****In brief**

FASHION One of the 14 girls who will compete on the new season of *America's Next Top Model* – which returns to The CW on Sept. 3 – is transgender, usmagazine.com reports.

METRO NEW SERVICE

The Hills star lands cameo in sitcom

NEW ROLE The Hills star Audrina Patridge has landed a cameo role in new sitcom *Do Not Disturb* alongside Jerry O'Connell and Niecy Nash, imdb.com reports.

The reality TV star will feature in an episode of the upcoming Fox series, about staff at a luxury hotel, which is due to air later this year.

And Patridge is excited to be able to put her acting skills to the test.

She writes on her official website, "(The show) takes place in New York City at a

swanky hotel.

Patridge is also set to appear in new movie *Into The Blue 2*, according to People.com.

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Actress Audrina Patridge.

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Going Out

Carnival's comeback

KIM MANNIX VERMETTE
for Metro Canada

As the capital of a country that prides itself on diversity, Ottawa is a city that likes to celebrate multiculturalism.

Nearly every festival here can tout itself as multicultural in some way, but Carnival of Cultures — though not the most high profile — is the biggest celebration of dance, music and art from around the world.

"What we are is a spectacular festival that can show off arts and culture from the four corners of the world," says spokesperson Levi Vallieres.

This will be the 15th edition of Carnival of Cultures, which runs as a two-evening event Saturday and Sunday at the Nepean Point Astrolabe Theatre.

The festival started as a decentralized event, where visitors traveled to pavilions hosted by different ethnic groups. But a few

more info

• Carnival of Cultures at the Astrolabe Theatre each day beginning at 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. For more information and schedules, visit carnivalofcultures.ca.

years later, festival founder and current director Tony Yazbek thought it could be more accessible if brought to one locale.

Attendance averages about 20,000 people per day, and they hope to exceed that this year.

Last year financial constraints put the festival on hiatus, but it returns this year with a stronger lineup, including Cuban-born singer Caridad Cruz, who will headline the fest Saturday night.

Other highlights include the Svitank Ukrainian dancers, the Al-Arz Lebanese Art Group and the

Alicia Borisonik Argentinean Project.

Admission prices are kept at \$5 for admittance to both days so that it's affordable for families. Vallieres says many of the performers agreed to lower pay just to make the festival possible.

Yazbek says the mandate has always been to "promote the creativity and artistic development of artists who work in the folk arts in Canada." And organizers feel fortunate that they rarely have to look far to find a wealth of talent to add to the program.

"There are so many talented people right here in the city, so it's not difficult for us to bring together in one spot," says Vallieres.

Cuban-born singer Caridad Cruz will headline the multicultural arts fest Carnival of Cultures on Saturday night at Nepean Point.



Much fest love

More than a dozen reasons to be a folkie

Get Out There

Kim Mannix Vermette

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Before I moved to Ottawa, I had no idea what a "folkie" town it was. I knew there was a Folk Festival, and that many respected musicians emerge from the capital, but it didn't take long to discover how passionate the folk music and arts scene is here, or to get caught up in that passion.

So, for the 15th anniversary of the Folk Festival, I wondered if I could come up with 15 reasons why this fest is so beloved by its legions of folkies.

I turned first to Tamara Kater, the fest's executive director. Her answers came quickly and enthusiastically.

"Because we're green, and have been for a long time. Because we're hands-on ... Because we are in a beautiful location."

Ms. Kater may be biased, but she's right. The enviro-

conscious fest has been keen on being green long before it was chic. There are always participatory elements — from group

yoga to instrument building — and Britannia Park is a picturesque setting.

The fest is also family friendly, with fun activities for kids. The festers themselves are a likeable bunch — perhaps the most gregarious audiences around. The food is tasty and exciting, and the atmosphere, I guess thanks to the pretty park and happy people, is always comfortable.

It's a fest built on tradition — whether that be in folk arts, or just the knowledge that all the things you love about it remain intact each year.

It inspires, both creatively and socially, so that in one afternoon you can learn how to make a kimono, or how to protect the Ottawa River.

The fest has been an innovator, bringing in so-called "unknown" performers who become the next big thing. And it's always loved locals, showcasing the talents of singer/songwriters

details

• The Ottawa Folk Festival runs through Sunday. For tickets info and schedules, visit ottawafolk.org.

like Ana Miura and James Farr alongside established names like Sarah Harmer and Rufus Wainwright.

With dance of every variety, and the freedom to try them out, it's a fest that makes you move.

Low admission prices provide big bang for your entertainment buck and there are scads of fun after parties — both planned and spontaneous — where everyone feels welcome.

But the best reason — I think it's the fifteenth — for loving the Folk Festival, is that it gets better every year.

Willie P. Bennett, the legendary musician and Ottawa Folk Fest regular who died this past February, once told me that songwriting was like sex.

"Your first time is always memorable, but you're happy you get better at it as you go along," he said.

I think that sentiment applies to the success of the fest.

Kim Mannix Vermette has a passion for exploring the local music, theatre, visual arts and literature scenes.

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Going Out

theatre

Wicked Fri. 8:00 p.m. Sat. 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Sun. 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Southam Hall, NAC, 53 Elgin St., at Confederation Square. Info: nac.ca or call 613-947-7000, 1-866-850-ARTS, Box Office: Ext. 280.

Idol Threats Sat. 7:00 p.m. Show \$25, dinner starts at \$22, includes admission to the Velvet Room dance club or Duelling Pianos after the show. Scarlett's Dinner Theatre, 62 York St. Info: eddiemay.com or 613-850-9700.

comedy

Dennis Ross, Alex Wood and Brendan McKeigan Fri. 8:00 & 10:30 p.m., \$10. Sat. 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., \$12; Sun. 8:00 p.m., \$8. Absolute Comedy, 412 Preston St. Info: absolutecomedy.ca or call 613-233-8000.

Bob Keele with Ian Sirota Fri. 9:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., \$18. Yuk Yuks International Stand Up Comedy, 88 Albert St. Info: yukuys.com or 613-236-5233.

Ian Sirota Fri. 8:00 p.m., Sat. 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., \$12. Yuk Yuk's Launching Pad in the Prescott Tavern, 379 Preston St. Info: yukuys.com or 613-236-5233.

A Night at the Bytown - Improv Comedy Sun. 9:00 p.m. Bytown Tavern, 292 Elgin St. Info: insensitivitytraining.com 613-231-3888.

galleries

One Night Stand with Sanita Fejic Fri. 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Galerie La Petite Mort Gallery, 306 Cumberland St. Info: lapetitemortgallery.com or 613-860-1555.

Moncton Rock: Art and Music in the Acadian Capital, 1968-2008 ends Fri. 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. SAW Gallery, 67 Nicholas St. Info: www.galleriesawgallery.com or 613-236-6181.

The Matter: new works by Patrick Thompson Fri. Art-guise Gallery, 590 Bank St. Info: artguise.ca or 613-238-3803.

Verticality Fri. – Sat. 10:00

a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Gallery 101, 301 1/2 Bank St. Info: gallery101.org or 613-230-2799

Western Front: Not Quiet on the Western Front! Fri. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cube Gallery, 7 Hamilton Ave. N. Info: cubegallery.ca or 613-728-1750.

Ride Me/The Art of Urban Transport Fri. – Sun. 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Galerie La Petite Mort Gallery, 306 Cumberland St. Info: lapetitemortgallery.com or 613-860-1555.

In the Shadow of the Midnight Sun: Sami and Inuit Art 2000-2005 Fri. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Dr. Info: gallery.ca or 613-990-1985.

clubs

Friday@Heaven with DJ's Etienne Osborne, Matt Kelly and Adam Cote Fri. 10:00 p.m. Heaven Nightclub, 400a Dalhousie St. Info: clubheaven.ca or 613-482-9898.

Elise Letourneau Duo Fri. 9:30 p.m. Café Paradiso, 199

Bank St. Info: cafe-paradiso.ca or 613-565-0657.

The Ottawa Folk Festival with Broken Social Scene, The Carolina Chocolate Drops, and many more Fri. 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. \$42 adv. Britannia Park, Info: ottawafolk.org or 613-230-8234.

Mind Games, Gregular, Gold Phillips & The Dark Rainbow Fri. 11:00 p.m. \$5, Babylon Nightclub, 317 Bank St. Info: babylonclub.ca or 613-594-0003.

TIMECODE August w/ The Goods(Mtl) Fri. 10:00 p.m. Eri Café-Pan-African Social Club, 953 Somerset St. West. Info: ericafec.ca or 613-233-1374.

Trevor Alguire with special guests The Stables Fri. 9:30 p.m. \$5, The Elmdale House Tavern, 1084 Wellington St. Info: elmdaletavern.com or 613-728-2848.

Thomash Posnerski Trio Fri. Avante-Garde Bar & Gift Shop, 135 1/2 Besserer St. Info: avantgardebar.com or 613-321-8908.

Emma-Lee with Matt Ouimet Fri. 8:00 p.m. Irene's

Pub, 885 Bank St. Info: irenespub.ca or 613-230-4474.

Awkard Slowdance & DJ LP Fri. – Sat. \$5, 9:00 p.m. Patty Boland's, 101 Clarence St. Info: pattybolands.com or 613-789-7822.

Mike Plume and The Pop-ulars Fri. – Sat. 9:00 p.m. \$12 adv. The Blacksheep Inn, 420 Riverside Dr. Info: theblacksheepinn.com or 819-459-3228.

Steppin Up@Freehouse with DJs: DZ, Pandemic & Bowzer Sat. 10:00 p.m. Elgin St. Freehouse, 296 Elgin St. Info: 613-233-3679.

Rock and Roll Mansion presents The Brothers formerly The Watters Brothers with Brothers Chaffey, The Flaps and Shipshades Sat. 8:00 p.m. Barrymores Music Hall, 323 Bank St. Info: barrymores.on.ca or 613-233-0307.

Jefferson Powers Project Fri. – Sat. 10:00 p.m. Hooley's, 292 Elgin St. Info: hooleyspub.com or 613-231-3888.

Lucas Stagg and Tanya Philipovich Sat. Avante-

Garde Bar & Gift Shop, 135 1/2 Besserer St. Info: avantgardebar.com or 613-321-8908.

The Hammerheads Sat. 9:30 p.m. The Rainbow, 76 Murray St. in the Byward Market, Info: therainbow.ca or 613-241-5123.

events

SuperEX Fri. – Sat. 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. \$12 - \$35, Lansdowne Park, 1015 Bank St. Info: lansdownepark.ca or 613-580-2429.

Herbs and Flavours: Slow Food for a Tasty Summer Sat. 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. \$95 adv. DiVino Wine Studio, 225 Preston St. Info: localwinevents.com or 613-221-9760.

The Casino du Lac-Leamy Sound of Light: Grand Final Sat. 9:30 p.m. Casino du Lac-Leamy, 1 boulevard du Casino, Info: feux.qc.ca or 819-771-3389.

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Actor Gael Garcia Bernal has confirmed he is to become a first-time father. Bernal has announced that his girlfriend, actress Dolores Fonzi, is pregnant. The baby is due early next year. [IMDb.COM](http://IMDb.com)

Celebrity Buzz

Pam's new boyfriend may be royal

RELATIONSHIPS Pamela Anderson is reportedly dating a member of the Abu Dhabi royal family, female-first.co.uk reports.

The actress has only revealed her new beau's name to a few select friends, but refers to him in conversation by the pet name she made up for him — Milk-Sheik or Milk for short.

Anderson first met the royal when she visited Abu Dhabi in June with the Make a Wish Foundation. Shortly after her

trip, she announced she is joining forces with the royal family to build an eco-friendly hotel in the city.

Since then, Anderson's new love has reportedly visited her in Los Angeles. "He is very handsome and Pammie looked very happy," a source said.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Mom defends Sienna

RELATIONSHIPS Sienna Miller's mother has defended the actress over her much criticized relationship with actor Balthazar Getty, imdb.com reports.

Miller and Getty, who last month announced his separation from wife Rosetta, have enjoyed a whirlwind romance which has attracted criticism from the media.

Miller's mother, Jo, is upset at the reaction.

"It's awful, I can't tell you. You wonder when it's all

going to stop," she says.

But Jo is pleased how some pals have jumped to her daughter's defence.

"Thank goodness some people are seeing the hypocrisy of it all," she says. "I know it makes Sienna pleased to read these things. It means a lot to her when there's so much negativity and criticism around."

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celebrity brief

Angelina's not replacing Tom

RUMOUR Angelina Jolie is not a "replacement" for Tom Cruise in the upcoming spy thriller *Edwin A. Salt*, MSNBC reports.

According to a source close to the film, the studio did want Cruise in the lead role, but the actor passed.

"This story about Jolie taking over is completely false ... this started with an inaccurate report months ago that said (Cruise) was taking the role," says the source. "They courted him for almost a year for this movie. He considered it but passed."

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Implant talk irks Lindsay

RUMOUR Lindsay Lohan may be used to tabloid gossip about her own life. But she's fighting mad over recent rumours swirling around her 14-year-old sister Ali, People.com reports.

The 22-year-old actress took to her blog yesterday to slam online speculation that Ali may have undergone breast augmentation. In fact, Lindsay said she was confronted by a photographer who

yelled, "What do you have to say about people commenting on your sister's implants?"

"It made me feel a bit sick to my stomach," Lindsay wrote on her MySpace Celebrity Blog. "... My mother taught us to appreciate what we have been given," she wrote. "Nor would she ever encourage, or allow a 14-year-old child to alter her body." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



celebrity brief

Ashley, boyfriend make a scene

RELATIONSHIPS Ashley Olsen and her boyfriend, actor Justin Bartha, hardly came up for air during a recent dinner in New York City, where they were holding hands and making out all through the meal, PageSix.com reports.

"She was all over him," said a witness. "Ashley was very nice to everyone, but seemed more occupied with her boyfriend than anything else."

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Nicole firing up website for moms, tots

PEOPLE Nicole Richie is about to launch a website for the charity she and her boyfriend Joel Madden started, the Richie Madden Children's Foundation, the New York Daily News reports.

The reality TV star and the Good Charlotte singer

have already been giving to the fund, asking friends to make donations instead of giving gifts to their baby daughter Harlow.

"She's hired some pretty high-powered consultants to advise her and put it all together," a source said.

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Michelle's guard checks for paparazzi

PEOPLE Actress Michelle Williams has taken precautions to avoid paparazzi in her Brooklyn neighbourhood since the death of her ex-fiancé, Heath Ledger, the father of her daughter Matilda, 2, PageSix.com reports.

She's reportedly even

more careful now that's she's dating director Spike Jonze.

"Before Michelle leaves the house with Matilda, she has a bodyguard go around her block and make sure there are no photographers," a source said.

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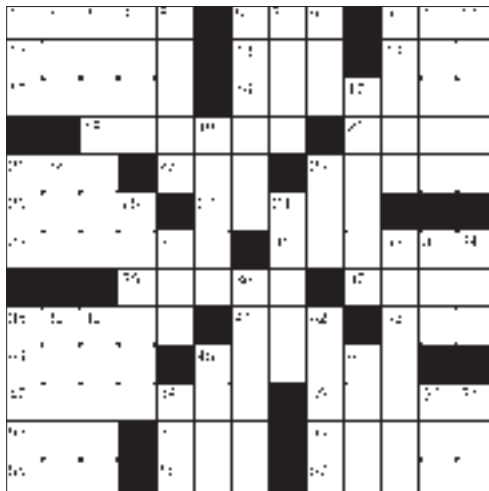
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Burton and Carter sell NY apartment

Filmmaker Tim Burton and actress Helena Bonham Carter have reportedly sold their two New York apartments for \$8.75 million US. The couple is reportedly on the move from their former home in the city's Greenwich Village area, imdb.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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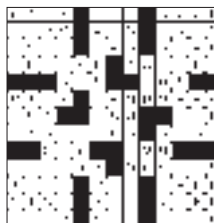
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- 10 Trusty horse
- 11 Rice field
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- 19 Groek physician
- 21 Picks out of a lineup
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Crossword across

- 1 Trounce
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- 23 Feedbag morsel
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- 25 Busy one
- 27 Spandex material
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- 37 Confederate soldiers
- 38 Harold of "Ghostbusters"
- 41 Upper limb
- 43 Lamb's mama
- 44 Sheltered
- 45 Overuses the mirror
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- 49 Shocking weapon
- 52 Wager
- 53 "The Raven" writer
- 54 Each
- 55 Office holders
- 56 — Arbor, Mich.
- 57 Marsh plant

previous day's answer

**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A new job is more trouble than it's worth. A man will turn the other cheek. Pushing your ideas will lead to a spat.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Guilt over hurtful behaviour won't go away. A friend has a complaint and needs your help. A dispute continues with no end in sight.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A dire predicament will ease up. Have fun until someone tells you to stop. A friend makes a forceful statement about an imposition.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

There's no time to handle every ironic twist of fate. Career matters remain up in the air. An unhappy event results in punitive action.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Optimism has a reason to grow. Try something unconventional. Maintain a strong sense of perspective.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A co-worker promises much and delivers little. Appreciate the higher values in new connections. A problem can get out of hand.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A temperamental tyrant needs to be rescued. Arrange immediate crisis intervention. Concentrate on using lucid advice.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A father figure's health becomes a concern. A fastidious person takes responsibility for a project. You might get a treat.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Be gentle when someone falls flat on his face. Share your secrets about courage. Ask the right questions tonight.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A forbidden romance gives pure inspiration. A new rule triggers defense mechanisms. A visitor oozes charisma.

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9	1		5	2	7			
								9
	6	8	3			1		
6				3				5
		2				3		
7				8				6
		5			9	4	7	
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			1	7	2		5	3

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

previous day's answer

8	2	9	6	1	4	3	5	7
4	5	7	8	9	3	1	2	6
3	6	1	2	7	5	4	9	8
1	3	8	7	5	2	6	4	9
6	9	5	3	4	8	7	1	2
2	7	4	1	6	9	8	3	5
7	4	2	5	3	6	9	8	1
5	1	3	9	8	7	2	6	4
9	8	6	4	2	1	5	7	3

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23°

Tonight

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11°

Saturday

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24° / 15°

Sunday

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